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SUBJECT: GREECE DESIRES SPARROW RIM 7H-2 MISSILES FROM ITALY

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1. GREEK NAVY AS PART OF A MODERNIZATION EFFORT UNDER DISCUSSION WITH ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL FIRMS, HAS ASKED THE ITALIAN NAVY ABOUT THE PROVISIONAL SPARROW RIM-7H-2 MISSILES TO BE USED IN A GREEK NAVY POINT DEFENSE MISSILE SYSTEM. GREEK NAVY TOLD ITN THAT THEY NEED ANSWER BY APRIL 15, 1975.

2. GIVEN APPROVAL, ITALIANS WOULD TRANSFER 75 SPARROW AIM-7E'S (MANUFACTURED IN ITALY BY SELENIA UNDER A US LICENSE) FROM ITALIAN ARMED FORCES INVENTORY. ITALIANS HOPE TO CONVERT AIM-7E INTO RIM-7H-2 VIA INTERMEDIARY STEP OF CONVERSION TO AIM-7E-2.

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ITAN REALIZES IT WOULD NEED TO USE CONVERSION KITS PRODUCED IN

THE U.S. FOR THE U.S. NAVY AND FOR THE NATO SEA SPARROW PROGRAM.

3. THEREFORE ITAN REQUESTS U.S. AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH THE GREEK NAVY WITH 75 SPARROW AIM-7E'S CONVERTED TO RIM-7H-2'S AS SET OUT ABOVE. ITN WOULD REQUIRE 75 ECP-54 MODIFICATION KITS FROM USG TO PROCEED WITH PLAN.

4. ACCORDING TO ITN THE GOI WILL ALSO OBTAIN THE AUTHORIZATION OF ITS NATO SEA SPARROW PARTNERS TO FURNISH THE 75 AIM 7E-2'S TO THE GREEKS TOGETHER WITH THE NATO MODIFICATION KITS REQUIRED TO CONVERT THEM INTO RIM-7H-2'S.

5. MISSION REALIZES GREEK DEADLINE OF APRIL 15 MAY BE UNREALISTIC. SHOULD THAT BE THE CASE, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE FOR INTERIM RESPONSE TO GOI. BEAUDRY

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